

Office of Residential Child Care:

Key Distinctions of the Office of Residential Child Care

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Vision, Mission and Core Values

Vision

Stronger Families for a Stronger Georgia.

Mission

Strengthen Georgia by providing Individuals and Families access to services that promote self-sufficiency, independence, and protect Georgia's vulnerable children and adults.

Core Values

- Provide access to resources that offer support and empower Georgians and their families.
- Deliver services professionally and treat all clients with dignity and respect. Manage business operations effectively and efficiently by aligning resources across the agency.
- Promote accountability, transparency and quality in all services we deliver and programs we administer.
- Develop our employees at all levels of the agency.

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Vision

Georgia's regulated residential child care providers offering consumers safe and healthy services.

Mission

The mission of ORCC is to promote the delivery of safe and healthy services by regulated providers through our inspection and enforcement efforts.

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Organizational Structure



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- The Office of Residential Child Care (ORCC) is authorized by O.C.G.A. § 49-5-12 to license, inspect, monitor and impose enforcement actions on child welfare agencies that provide out-of-home residential child care that exceeds a 24-hour period.
- Child welfare agencies include Child Caring Institutions, Child Placing Agencies, Outdoor Child Caring Programs, Children's Transition Care Centers, and Maternity Homes.
- Authority not limited to just agencies contracting with DFCS.

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Effective July 1, 2011, ORCC is also authorized by law to register Runaway and Homeless Youth Programs (RHYP)

(O.C.G.A. § 49-5-160 *et. seq.*)

- **Runaway and Homeless Youth Programs (RHYP)** - currently licensed child welfare agencies or 501(c)(3) organizations that serve children under 18 years old who have run away and/or are homeless.

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O.C.G.A. § 49-5-12 requires ORCC to inspect all licensed child welfare agencies at least once annually.

ORCC is authorized to investigate complaints against an agency which include self-reported incidents by an agency.

Currently, ORCC regulates over 300 licensed facilities.

Additionally, in accordance with the terms of the Kenny A. consent decree, ORCC conducts unannounced inspections of a random sample of foster homes.

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O.C.G.A. § 49-5-12 authorizes DHS/ORCC to establish and enforce rules and regulations for child welfare agencies.

ORCC rules are minimum standards. A purchaser of services may require additional standards based on their needs or expectations.

ORCC Sanction Options for Non-Compliance

- Impose fine
- Revoke license
- Limit or restrict license
- Deny application or renewal of license
- Prohibit person in control
- Public reprimand
- Suspend license
- Emergency relocation of residents

(O.C.G.A. §§ 49-2-17, 49-5-12 and Rules and Regulations for Enforcement of Licensing Requirements, Chapter 290-1-6)

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Based on the mandates of O.C.G.A. § 49-5-12, ORCC's primary focuses are administrative management of operations and physical plant safety.

Intent is to determine compliance with the rules rather than to determine abuse or neglect.

ORCC does not make placement recommendations or decisions, but rather identifies and documents non compliance by agencies in an effort to educate consumers and assist them with making informed decisions.